

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a display;

a main unit provided with a keyboard having a plurality of operation keys including an enter key;

a pointing device configured to move a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction;

a plurality of cursor keys configured to move a cursor appearing on the display in predetermined directions, the cursor keys being arranged near the pointing device;

a confirmation button configured to confirm an item selected by said pointing device or said cursor keys, the confirmation button being positioned near said cursor keys; and

a switching button configured to rotate a display screen of said display by 90°,

wherein said pointing device, said plurality of cursor keys, and said confirmation button are positioned between said display and said keyboard.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cursor keys are arranged along the periphery of the pointing device such that the pointing device is at the center of the cursor keys.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit having a display housing on which the display is provided; and

a hinge unit which connects the display unit and the main unit such that the display unit can pivot to open and close the keyboard,

wherein the hinge unit includes a hinge barrel and hinge pins disposed in the hinge barrel, and wherein the pointing device and the cursor keys are positioned near one end of the information processing apparatus along the axis of the hinge pins in an area between the display unit and the keyboard.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said confirmation button confirms an item selected by said pointing device or said cursor key by being pressed.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:
air outlets arranged in a back side of said main unit.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:
a display;
a main unit provided with a keyboard having a plurality of operation means for inputting an operation command including enter means for inputting an enter command;
pointing means for moving a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction;
cursor moving means for moving a cursor appearing on the display in predetermined directions, the cursor moving means being arranged near the pointing device;
confirmation means for confirming an item selected by said pointing means or said cursor moving means, the confirmation means positioned near said cursor moving means;
and

switching means for rotating a display screen of said display by 90°,
wherein said pointing means, said cursor moving means, and said confirmation means are positioned between said display and said keyboard.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the cursor moving means are arranged along the periphery of the pointing means such that the pointing means is at the center of the cursor moving means.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

a display unit having a display housing on which the display is provided; and
a hinge unit which connects the display unit and the main unit such that the display unit can pivot to open and close the keyboard,

wherein the hinge unit includes a hinge barrel and hinge pins disposed in the hinge barrel, and wherein the pointing means and the cursor moving means are positioned near one end of the information processing apparatus along the axis of the hinge pins in an area between the display unit and the keyboard.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said confirmation means confirms an item selected by said pointing means or said cursor moving means by being pressed.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

air outlets arranged in a back side of said main unit.

Claim 12 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of cursor keys are arranged around a periphery of the pointing device such that the pointing device is at the center of the cursor keys, and said confirmation key is arranged at a periphery of the cursor keys.

Claim 13 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said confirmation key, said switching button, and an auxiliary input button are arranged at a periphery of the cursor keys such that said confirmation key, said switching button, and the auxiliary input button surround the cursor keys.